SUGAR BAGS SEIZED BY THE TAHASILDAR OF SIRSI.

*Q.—634. Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Sirsi):—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Tahsildar of Sirsi seized about 60 bags of sugar in 1960 from a local merchant;

(*b*) if so, what happened to the said bags of sugar;

(*c*) whether any action has been taken against any one in this connection?

*A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister) [on behalf of Sri K. F. PATIL Minister for State Transport, Mining and Food].—

(*a*) The Circle Inspector of Sirsi under the directions of the Tahsildar, Sirsi, seized 84 bags of sugar from the local merchant in pursuances of Clause 9 (*d*) of Mysore Sugar Dealers' Licensing Order, 1959.

(*b*) 22 bags were given to the custody of the local merchant. There was a theft of 31 bags of sugar. The remaining quantity is stated to have been sold in auction under the orders of the Judicial Magistrate, First Class, Sirsi.

(*c*) Yes. The cases are *sub judice*.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—May I know when these 31 bags of sugar were stolen?

†Sri B. D. JATTI.—It was reported that a theft of 31 bags of sugar in the Gopalakrishna Temple Godown took place on 16th July 1960.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—Was there any enquiry held into this?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Yes, enquiry was held.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—I want to know whether any case was launched against any person?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Yes Sir.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—Was any watchman kept after the seize?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Panchnama was drawn and an agreement was taken by him. There is breach of trust and a criminal case is launched against him.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—Is it a fact that the local merchant has filed a suit against Goverument for damages?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Yes, in the civil court.